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In the Specification:

Please add the following paragraph to the beginning of the specification:

--In the specification the present application claims priority to European Patent Application No. 00 121 032.7 filed September 27, 2000, the disclosure of which is hereby incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.--

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 3, 5, 6 and 10 as follows:

3. (AMENDED) A method according to claim 1 [or 2] further comprising the step of detecting each pocket of the package by means of said sensor.
5. (AMENDED) A method according to [one] claim 3 wherein the number of the sensors provided for corresponds to the number of pockets in a package.
6. (AMENDED) A method according to claim 1 [or 2] wherein the sensor is a capacitive test probe, which preferably measures the induced dipol moment (the electrical polarization) in any given volume of any material by means of a high frequent alternating field.

10. (AMENDED) A method according to claim 1 [or 2] wherein the sensor is an optical three-dimensional image detection sensor.

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